

Amendments to the Specification

Amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The invention relates to a A method for referencing a patient or a patient body part in a camera-assisted, medical navigation system comprising including the following steps: the patient body part to be referenced is brought into the detecting range of a navigation system assisted by at least two cameras (5, 6), this navigation system detecting with computer support the three-dimensional, spatial positions of light marks (3), light marks (3) are generated on the surface of the part of the body to be referenced by means of a light beam (2), the three-dimensional position of the light marks (3) being determined by the camera-assisted navigation system, the three-dimensional position of the surface of the part of the body to be referenced is determined by means of the positional data for the light marks (3). The invention relates furthermore to an apparatus for implementing the method manually manipulating a light beamer to sequentially produce a plurality of light marks on a surface of the body part; using a plurality of cameras to scan the surface of the body part, wherein the plurality of cameras detect the plurality of light marks; determining three-dimensional spatial positions for respective sequential light marks; and referencing or registering the body part based on the three dimensional spatial positions of light marks.~~